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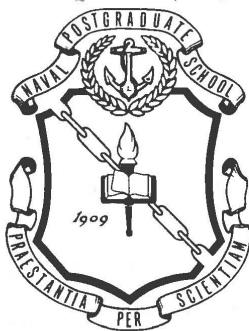
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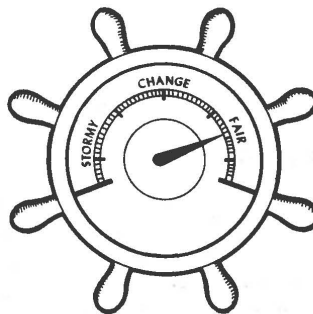
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The BAROMETER is a student newspaper for the exchange of ideas and information concerning the development and improvement of the professional environment at NPS and within the U. S. Navy.

OFFICERS, FACULTY, STAFF and WIVES
are invited to contribute articles
of interest to the BAROMETER
c/o The Editor.

GUEST EDITORIAL (Submitted by LT Ralph R. Nebiker, USN) "The Defense That Defeats"

Every age is replete with defenders of the defenders of the holy writ. Don't question the king, you lowly peasants, he rules by divine right. Don't flinch from the fires of the Inquisition, they have been set by the keepers of the faith.

Of such great matters, who are you to judge?

How do you dare question such learned men?

So it has been in age after age. And anyone who feels the spirit of inquiry has replaced unquestioning fidelity to the keepers of the word - why think again.

Only a week ago the California Trial Lawyers Assn., meeting in San Francisco, adopted a resolution praising the California Supreme Court for striking down the death penalty. Nothing medieval in resolutions hailing judges for expounding on "contemporary standards."

Well, almost nothing.

Unfortunately the California Trial Lawyers Assn. fell into the role of defenders of the defenders of the holy writ. They proclaimed that any attack on the court because of a "political disagreement" with the decision "erodes the entire judicial process and undermines the very foundation of our democracy."

There it was. Medievalism revived. Don't question the decisions of the chosen few.

If anything is destructive to democracy it is this type of nonsense - a professional body with a vested interest telling the general public that to question is to imperil.

Democracy is threatened when intemperate attacks are made on its leaders and its institutions. But it thrives when the people question and review, peacefully assenting to or dissenting from major decisions affecting the society.

There is a considerable body of men and women who argue that the real threat to democracy lies in the presumption of an elite few that it is within their power to arbitrarily decide the standards of society.

And there is a considerably larger body of men and women who argue that an even bigger threat to democracy comes from those who insist that the public remain silent after learned men have spoken.

These issues are far more basic than the question of capital punishment.

(San Jose Mercury-News, March 5, 1972)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue is composed entirely of Readers' submissions. This is the way the process should work! The Barometer exists solely as a communications medium for the purposes set forth in the letter head and introduction. Perhaps, however, it would be beneficial to explain the Barometer's publication schedule so that those contemplating submitting items can plan better. The normal issue is given to the typist on Monday or Tuesday. It is ready for the printers by Wednesday afternoon and is printed and ready for distribution (usually ready on Friday, but distributed) on Monday. Thus a given issue is closed out approximately 7 days before it appears. As an example, the letter which appears below on the Shieffelin Teaching Award was received on 7 March, too late for the 13 March edition. Because there is no issue during exams (as much for the Reader's benefit as for the Editor's), this meant that the letter could not appear until this, the 3 April issue. Therefore, if you wish to have the "word" put out, please plan ahead to allow for these built-in delays. In addition, if your letter concerns an issue here at NPS, please allow the Editor some time to check with the opposition, so that both views can be expressed in the same issue.

Most important, submit your item! I do not promise to print it, at least not without comment. But as long as it is a responsible comment, and signed, I'll give it a chance.

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN J. SHEFFELIN AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Prof. David B. Hoisington)

The third annual presentation of the Award for Excellence in Teaching will be made at the June graduation Exercises. This award is made both to recognize and to encourage good teaching. The size of the monetary grant that goes with the award has been substantially increased beyond the amount that can come from the Civil Service sources because of a grant for this purpose. This grant to the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation honors Rear Admiral John J. Shieffelin, U. S. Navy Retired. The first two winners of the award were Professor John N. Dyer of the Department of Physics and Professor Eugene C. Haderlie of the Department of Oceanography.

Ballots for selection of the 1972 awardee will be distributed in March to all current students, to alumni who graduated during calendar year 1970, and to members of the faculty. The winner will be recommended to the Superintendent by the faculty selection committee and Provost after a careful statistical analysis of the ballots that are cast. Thus the winner is determined not by the sheer number of students with whom a faculty member comes in contact, but rather by the average opinion his students have of his teaching effectiveness. Thus a new member of the faculty who is an outstanding teacher has as good a chance of receiving the award as if he had been on board for several years.

Past recipients of the award, members of the selection committee, department chairmen, curricular and military liaison officers are not eligible for the award.

To provide the widest possible data base for selection of the 1972 awardee it is important that every eligible voter who can provide meaningful input submit a carefully considered ballot. The ballots will not be used for any purpose other than the selection of the 1972 outstanding teacher.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Margie Sullivan)

The Monterey Branch of the Navy Relief Society has issued invitations for its annual course. As is customary, we have invited all of the Navy and Marine Corps wives in the area to attend the full three-week course or the graduate seminar, both designed to inform and train volunteers for work in the various Navy Relief programs.

Navy Relief performs many valuable services for Navy and Marine Corps families, but these services cannot be utilized unless the servicemen are familiar with them. For this reason, this year we are particularly aiming at our servicemen with a special "mini-course." This two-evening short course, April 25 and 27, will outline Navy Relief programs and benefits and is designed specifically for the men and those wives who cannot attend the daytime sessions.

Office procedures and volunteer training are not the purposes of the mini; rather, we hope to reach the men of the naval community, those who will have the responsibility of advising others in need of assistance. When our officer-students return to the fleet,

they will once more be in leadership positions, helping men to find solutions to their problems. Navy Relief can aid in many cases and if the officer knows what we can do, he can steer his men in our direction.

The officer himself may also benefit from Navy Relief. for example, how many men are aware of the Navy Relief Educational Fund, which may lend money to dependent students at no interest and at no obligation to the parents?

We will be taking enrollment reservations until April 18, and we encourage all who can possibly do so to set aside April 25 and 27. (Margie Sullivan, SMC #2135, 372-2302)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Prof. Donald M. Layton)

The Naval Postgraduate School Little Theater is recruiting an orchestra for their musical, GUYS & DOLLS.

The following instruments are needed:

French Horn	Tenor Sax
Bassoon	Alto Sax
Cello	Violins (4)
Bass	Bells

If you, a member of your family or a friend plays one of these instruments, please call Prof. Layton at 646-2997. If you do not have an instrument, it may be possible to obtain one for you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Ron Wilgenbusch)

One aspect of an officer's development is how well he is able to manage his personal financial affairs. There is a group of students on campus who are trying to facilitate a particular aspect of this development. The group is known as Precision Investors Club. One of the objectives of the club is to educate members in the fundamental principles and techniques of sound investment practices. In order to achieve this objective the members pool their funds and invest mutually in common stock. Some membership spaces are now open and we would encourage inquiries either to the President, Dan Johnson, SMC 2597, Phone 375-6124 or myself Ron Wilgenbusch, SMC 1097, Phone 373-7465.

We would appreciate it if you could pass this on to the students via the Barometer.